

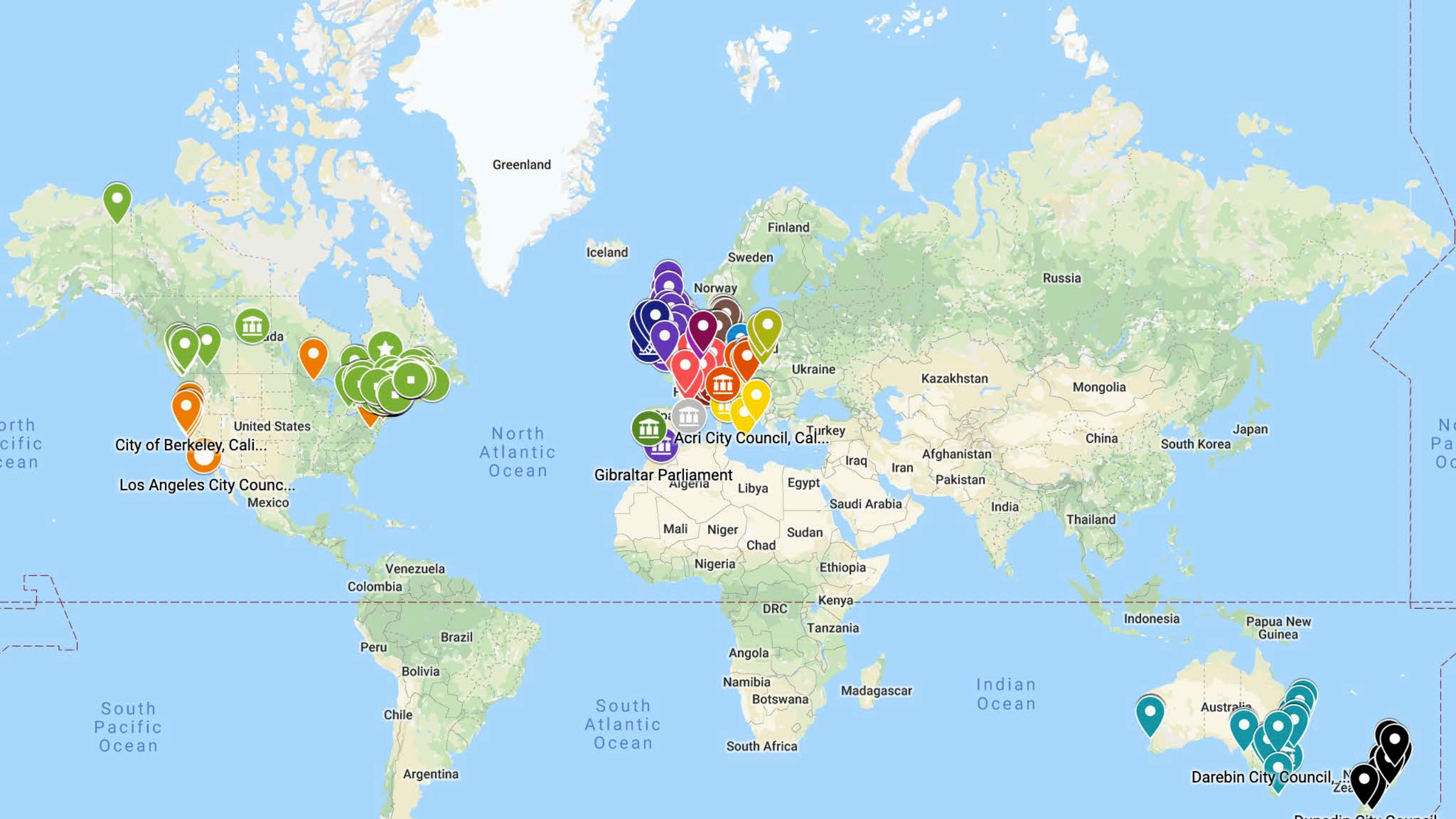
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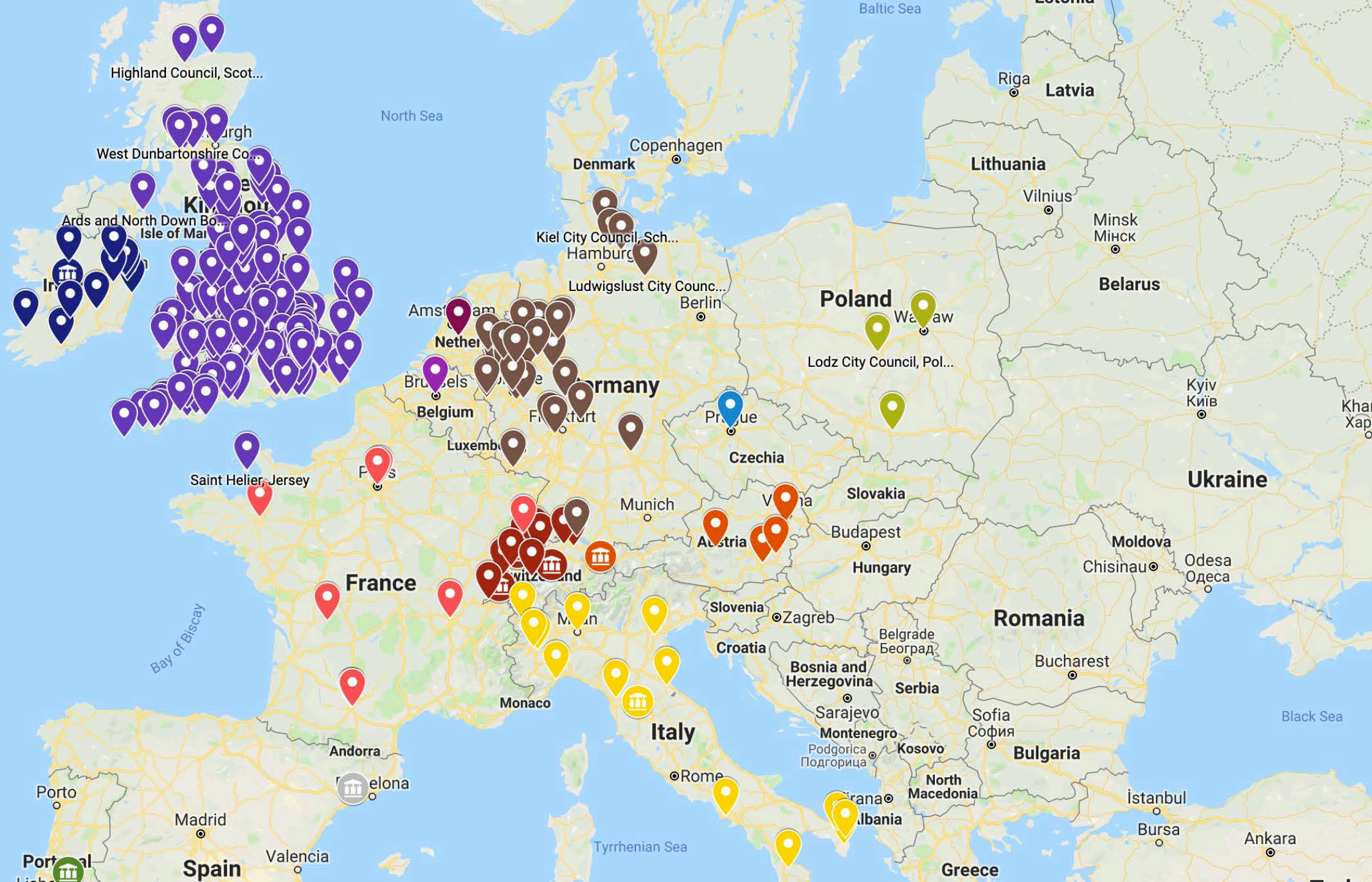
Resolution urging  
the Austin City Council  
to declare  
a Climate Emergency

Whereas . . .

. . . since 2017 over **730 local governments** in 16 countries **have declared a climate emergency** and are committed to action to drive down emissions at emergency speed.











Whereas . . .

. . . on May 1, 2019 **the UK Parliament**, driven by local government actions, **declared "an environment and climate emergency,"** making it the first country in the world to do so





Whereas . . .

. . . on June 24, 2019 **more than 70 health organizations** issued a **“U.S. Call to Action on Climate, Health, and Equity”** which urged government, business, and civil society leaders, elected officials, and candidates for office to **recognize climate change as a health emergency**

# U.S. Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity

- Meet and strengthen the commitments under the Paris Agreement
- Transition away from the use of coal, oil and natural gas to clean, safe, and renewable energy.
- Transition to zero-carbon transportation systems with an emphasis on active transportation.
- Build local, healthy, and sustainable food and agricultural systems.
- Invest in policies that support a just transition for workers and communities adversely impacted by the move to a low-carbon economy

# U.S. Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity

- Ensure that gender equality is central to climate action.
- Raise the health sector voice in the call for climate action.
- Incorporate climate solutions into all health care and public health systems.
- Build resilient communities in the face of climate change.
- Invest in climate and health.



Whereas . . .

. . . the **New York City Council** on June 26, 2019, became the first U.S. city with more than 1 million residents to adopt a **resolution declaring a climate emergency** and called for an immediate emergency mobilization to restore a safe climate



**DECLARE  
CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY**



**extinction  
rebellion**

Brooklyn  
Bridge  
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Whereas . . .

. . . on July 3, 2019 **Los Angeles** became the first government in the world to create and fund an **official City Office and City Commission** to develop and implement a mobilization plan, in response to the climate emergency





# Los Angeles

- Creation of the Office of the Climate Emergency Mobilization, with a director who will help design and implement the city's mobilization plans;
- Establishment of a representative Climate Emergency Commission;
- Initiating Community Assemblies to bring traditionally marginalized voices into the decision-making process;
- Formalizing L.A.'s declaration of Climate Emergency within 60 days.

Whereas . . .

. . . on July 9 Sen. Sanders and Blumenthal and Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, backed by most of the senators running for president, **introduced a joint resolution “expressing the sense of Congress that there is a climate emergency** which demands a massive-scale mobilization to halt, reverse, and address its consequences and causes”

# House Concurrent Resolution 52

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

(1) the global warming caused by human activities, which increase emissions of greenhouse gases, has resulted in a climate emergency that—

(A) severely and urgently impacts the economic and social well-being, health and safety, and national security of the United States; and

(B) demands a national, social, industrial, and economic mobilization of the resources and labor of the United States at a massive scale to halt, reverse, mitigate, and prepare for the consequences of the climate emergency and to restore the climate for future generations; and



Whereas . . .

. . . historically the **Electric Utility Commission** has addressed and made recommendations to City Council on matters related to global warming and climate change such that it is by precedent within its purview to do so again

Be It Resolved that . . .

. . . the Electric Utility Commission **urges the City Council** to review and analyze climate emergency declarations of New York, Los Angeles, and other governments in order **to draft and adopt its own resolution declaring a climate emergency**

Be It Further Resolved that . . .

. . . the EUC urges City Council to articulate support for climate emergency declarations by other local governments in Texas, by the State of Texas, and by the Federal Government



# Other Commissions

- Environmental Commission
- Joint Sustainability Commission
- Resource Management Commission
- Urban Transportation Commission

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